

Explosives
RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES FOR EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL

Summary. This supplement prescribes EOD policies, defines responsibilities, and establishes procedures.

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AR 75-15, 1 November 1978, is supplemented as follows:

Page 1-1, paragraph 1-3i. Add the words "command" after "provides" in the first sentence.

Page 2-2a. Add subparagraphs (11) and (12).

(11) Providing EOD support to the U.S. Department of State when requested to assist in providing personnel and installation protection.

(12) Providing EOD support to the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, Military Intelligence Agencies, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and Federal Bureau of Investigation, when requested. The appropriate EODCT will provide this support.

Page 2-4, paragraph 2-4b. Add the following:

The 52nd Ordnance Group (EOD), has command, operational control, and staff responsibility for the FORSCOM CONUS EOD Program.

Page 2-4, paragraph 2-4b. Add subparagraphs (1) and (2).

(1) CONUSA EODCT and EOD detachments are assigned to HQ FORSCOM and attached to installations for administrative and logistical support,

including legal services and military justice less Article 15. Company and field grade Article 15 authority rests with the EOD and EODCT commanders, respectively. Appeals from imposition of Article 15 punishment will follow the established EOD operational chain of command.

(2) EODCT will provide EOD support to TRADOC, AMC, and other major command activities located in the geographic area of responsibility.

Page 2-6, paragraph 2-7a(8). Add the following.

Assistance may include but is not limited to, ammunition surveillance personnel, communications, public affairs personnel, firefighting services, on-scene medical personnel and facilities, heavy equipment with operators, environmental protection personnel and legal services.

Page 2-6. Add paragraph 2-7.1.

2-7.1. Installations commanders responsibilities.

a. Installation commanders will--

(1) Provide administrative and logistical support to attached EODCT/EOD detachments and to other EOD detachments or personnel when engaged in EOD operations within the vicinity of their command. Administrative and logistical support will

include, but is not limited to, military pay, maintenance of individual personnel records, military justice (except company and field grade Article 15), legal assistance, personnel billeting, adequate administrative work area (to include a minimum of two class "A" telephones with access to DSN lines, FTS lines if available, a telephone call-diverter or access to commercial call-diverter service), minimum of two portable commercial cellular telephones if available locally, radio paging devices (two-way voice when available), two-way radio system, processing unit supply actions, secure vehicle parking area within EOD detachment area, organizational DS/GS maintenance of equipment, administration of stock and nonstock fund activities, and authorization of telephone credit cards.

(2) Provide for adequate work space, to include secure, readily accessible without delay, and exclusive space for storage and disposal (demolition area) of serviceable and unserviceable explosive ordnance and other materials. Due to the hazardous nature of unserviceable explosive ordnance and unpredictable nature or residue resulting from disposal operations, the disposal area assigned to tenant EOD detachments must be reserved, in the interest of safety, for the exclusive use of the tenant EOD detachment. Any disposal range used for routine treatment of unserviceable (code H) ammunition will be an EPA permitted treatment site.

(3) Provide personnel billeting. Billets must have a class A telephone for the sole use of the billeted EOD personnel. Enlisted billets for the EOD unit should be a separate facility at or near the unit location and, when possible under the functional control of the EOD unit commander.

(4) Coordinate all requirements for installation EOD support with the appropriate EODCT.

(5) Furnish written comments to the appropriate EODCT commander regarding the tenant EOD detachment commander's manner of performance for efficiency report purposes. Comments pertaining to EODCT commanders about the matters listed above will be sent to Commander, 52nd Ord Group, (EOD) Fort. Gillem, GA.

(6) Designate a single point of contact to receive, record, and relay to the installation commander and appropriate staff personnel information provided by the EOD detachment responding to an off-post request for assistance from civil authorities or other federal agencies. This single point of contact should be authorized to task installation assets to support EOD response.

(7) Provide a public affairs (PA) representative (for installations having EOD units as tenants) to accompany EOD units to accident/incident sites in

the civilian domain on an as required or directed basis or will coordinate on-site support with the nearest Army installation/activity. As a minimum, the on-site PA representative will--

(a) Determine agency in charge for purpose of public affairs, e.g., civil defenses, FBI, and establish liaison with appropriate public affairs representative.

(b) Develop the following information to respond to on-site public inquiries: Response time from initial notification to arrival on site; type of munitions/ordnance involved and, as appropriate, military service scheduled to receive it; origin and destination of the munitions/ordnance; assessment of potential danger/hazard created by the accident/incident; and assessment of time required to remove the material from the area.

b. The 52nd Ord Group will program for and budget enough operational, training, and mission funds (P2 and P8) and publish necessary orders to satisfy EOD training, mission and operational requirements for all FORSCOM EODCTs and EOD units. EODCT will send funding requirements for all the EOD detachments under their operational control to the 52nd Ord Group. Blanket travel orders will be issued under AR 310-10 (Military Orders), paragraph 3-3, and paragraph 7-10, basic regulation.

c. The S-1 of the 52nd Ord Group will operate the personnel requisitioning system for the EODCT and all EOD detachments assigned to the respective EODCT.

d. EOD personnel will not be assigned additional duties that would interfere with their immediate response capability or their unit training. This determination will be made by the EOD chain of command.

e. Installation commanders responsible for clearance and maintenance of ranges will supply the necessary support for range clearance operations, i.e., search personnel with supervisors for locating and marking, explosives, and additional support required for periodic range clearance projects. Forecasting explosives for range clearances and special projects must be coordinated with appropriate EOD Det 60 days before proposed starting date. To ensure that proper EOD assistance is given and adequate technical planning and safety measures are considered, the supporting EOD detachment commander will be consulted in preparing the range clearance plan. Requests for EOD range clearance support will be directed to the appropriate Cdr, 52nd Ord Group (EOD), Fort Gillem, GA, and will have the size of the range to be cleared, number of searchers and supervisors to be used, and proposed clearance dates. In emergencies, the appropriate

52nd Ord Group may waive the 60 days notice if the installation can provide the required support.

f. All requests for EOD support for ARNG, USAR, and ROTC training camps (except responses to individual incidents, classes, and to conduct liaison) will be sent to Cdr, 52nd Ord Group (EOD), Fort Gillem, GA, at least 60 days before the date support is required. The requests will have the following information.

(1) Estimated number of EOD personnel required (EOD personnel remain under the command and operational control of the EOD Control Team and will not be used for other than EOD missions).

(2) Date of arrival of first unit to be trained.

(3) Date last unit trained will depart.

(4) Date EOD personnel should arrive.

(5) Anticipated date on which EOD support will no longer be required.

(6) Availability of vehicles, explosives, rations, and quarters.

(7) Availability of supervisory and search personnel for locating and marking duds, including dates on which these personnel will be available and the number of personnel available each day.

g. The use of explosives and pyrotechnics in public demonstrations, exhibits and celebrations will be governed by AR 385-26 (Use of Explosives and Pyrotechnics Public Demonstrations, Exhibitions, and Celebrations). Use of EOD personnel in an official capacity to set off commercially manufactured fireworks for displays is prohibited. This does not prevent EOD detachments from presenting explo-

sives demonstrations in conjunctions with IED classes and demolition classes presented to United States Secret Service; Federal Bureau of Investigation; Federal Aviation Administration; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; graduates of the Hazardous Devices Division course conducted at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; selected military personnel; and civilian fire department and law enforcement personnel. Only inert or empty ammunition and explosives items will be used in the classroom.

Page 3-1, paragraph 3-2a. Add the following after the third sentence:

Authority to determine if assistance is required in the interest of public safety is delegated to EODCT commanders. If doubt exists, the request will be referred to Commander 52nd Ord Group, for resolution.

Page 3-1, paragraph 3-2b. Add subparagraphs (1) and (2).

(1) Private concerns and individuals requesting EOD assistance (except commercial carriers transporting DOD-owned shipments) will be referred to the nearest law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the area where the EOD incident is located.

(2) The responsible agency (except Federal agencies) will execute the Civil Support Release and Reimbursement Agreement. The reimbursement provisions of paragraph 1 of the agreement do not apply to IED situations. Under emergency conditions when delay might contribute to further hardship or possible disaster, the EOD officer or senior EOD NCO at the scene will orally explain the applicable provisions in the agreement and have the requestor's representative sign it as soon as possible after the requested services are performed.